

Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

MARCH 11, 2020
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 434th Board Meeting was convened at 9:40 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Members Present

1. Felicia Anthony, Chair
2. Patricia Cash
3. Thomas Edmondson, Vice Chair
4. Kelly Smith Friedman
5. Joyce Fritsch
6. Jennifer Goldsborough
7. Phillip Pawlukovich
8. Michelle Rosenheim
9. Roy Savoie
10. Belinda Strayhorn
11. Calvin Vain

Representatives of the State

1. Ronda Butler Washington
Executive Director
2. Andrea Hill
Licensing Coordinator
3. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
4. David Bruce
Investigator
5. Troy Pumphrey
Investigator

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted with adding #7 update on Coronavirus and what the State is doing.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 433rd Board Meeting held on February 12, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Anthony stated that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:30 am in Room 106.

Office Report

Ms. Washington provided the following office report:

For the month of February, 2020

- 2 Original licenses were issued
- 12 Licenses were renewed
- 1 License was reinstated
- 1 License went into inactive status
- 2 Endorsement applications were processed

As of March 11, 2020 there are:

- 532 active LNHA's
- 22 inactive LNHA's
- 154 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
- 20 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Updates

During the March 3, 2020 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

- 1 change of preceptor and location for a 12-month AIT program
- 1 completed AIT program ready for licensure
- 2 applications for Endorsement

The Executive Director recently conducted the following AIT Site Monitoring Visits

- February 25, 2020 with Board Member Calvin Vain
- February 26, 2020 with Board Member Debra Buckalew
- March 5, 2020 with Board Member Phillip Pawlukovich

Legislative Session Activity

On February 11, 2020 the Executive Director and Legislation and Regulations Coordinator attended a meeting in Annapolis with Delegate Pendergrass.

On February 13, 2020 the Board Chair and Executive Director testified before the HGO Committee in regard to HB 631.

On February 20, 2020 the Executive Director testified before the House subcommittee regarding HB 631.

On February 28, 2020 the Board Chair and Executive Director testified before the Senate Finance Committee in regard to SB 444.

Legislative Committee Update

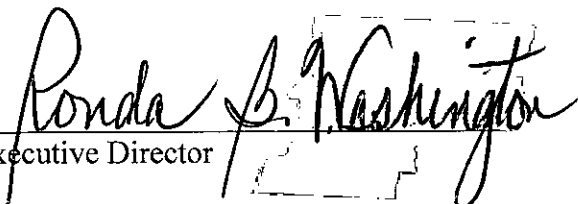
Ms. Washington provided the legislative update. She stated that HB 1256 (the bill that proposed a sharp reduction in required AIT program hours, from 2080 hours down to a maximum of 320 hours) was withdrawn, so there will be no need to go to Annapolis to testify in opposition. She also noted that HB 631 (cross filed as SB 444) is still active, but has been amended, so if you look it up now you will see lines through the sections they have either been changed or removed. The provisional license portion of this bill will not be passed in this session. Lifespan, the opposition, did not support the Board being able to authorize a period of less than 90 days for the provisional license. Board Chair Anthony stated that we will look at this provision again for next session. Ms. Washington noted that the provision that will allow prospective Board members to be appointed without being required to have a recommendation letter from a professional association or society is going to pass. HB 707 (cross filed as SB 480), the bill that would require assisted living managers to be licensed, was withdrawn but we are already gearing up to present a revised version of this bill in the 2021 legislative session. The Board is hoping to have the support of advocacy groups and any professional associations willing to come and voice their concerns. We currently have secured the support of AARP, a major advocate for seniors, and they have stated that they will support this bill and help to move this legislation along.

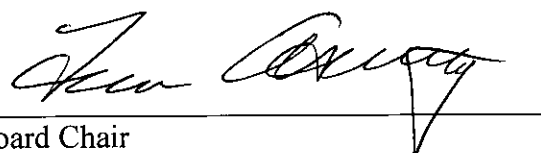
COVID-19 Update

The Office of Health Care Quality (“OHCQ”) sent out information to all LNHA’s, recommending that facilities should be restricting visitors on a case-by-case basis. Board Chair Anthony stated that the transmittal should be read through completely. There are many restrictions that are rapidly evolving and are still not clear. Ms. Washington stated that there has been discussion as to what may happen with the 4201 Patterson Avenue office building, which is where the Board staff works and all Board meetings are held. She stated that, if the building shuts down, there will be changes in the way the Board office will function, and that she will keep the Board up to date with any changes that are made.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.


Executive Director


Board Chair